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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Ex Parte meetings in CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

On March 11, 2002, Mr. Charles Acquard, representing the National Association State Utility Consumer Advocates, Ms. Lynne Montgomery, representing the Civil Rights Forum on Communications Policy and Ron Binz, representing NASUCA member offices in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Maine and Maryland met with several members of the Commission staff to discuss matters related to the Federal-State Joint Board's Notice concerning the eligibility requirements for Lifeline and Link-Up services in CC Docket No. 96-45.

Mr. Binz and Ms. Montgomery met with Anita Cheng, Shannon Lipp and Dana Walton-Bradford of the Common Carrier Bureau. Mr. Binz, Ms. Montgomery and Mr. Acquard met with Dan Gonzalez, Common Carrier Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin. Mr. Binz, Ms. Montgomery and Mr. Acquard met with Matthew Brill, Common Carrier Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy. Mr. Binz and Ms. Montgomery met with Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps.

The presentations concerned the comments filed by NASUCA, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, et al. and the Civil Rights Forum on Communications Policy in this docket. Copies of the filed comments were provided in the meetings along with a copy of the attached handout summarizing the positions of these parties.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Binz

Attachment